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Sent to Gen Cram
on 16 Mar 76.
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Lieutenant General Vernon A. Walters
Deputy Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear General Walters:

Once again, let me express personally, and on behalf of the Burlington Rotary Club, deep appreciation for your outstanding talk on 23 February 1976. Many of the people who heard you have complimented you most highly. The consensus in the group is that your was the best program was have had in many years.

Enclosed, for your information, is the story which appeared in the Burlington Free Press the day after your visit. I wish it had given a little more coverage to what you had said but I believe it is about as much as one could expect in view of the overall treatment given the CIA by the public media. You were also covered on both local television and radio programs though much more briefly than you were in the Free Press. I think you struck a fine blow for the intelligence community as a whole by informing many of our opinion-makers of the importance and true role of intelligence-gathering agencies.

With best personal regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "R. M. Cram".

R. M. CRAM
Major General
The Adjutant General

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24 Feb 76

BURLINGTON VT FREE PRESS

CIA Official Defends Agency Operations

By FREDERICK W. STETSON
Free Press Staff Writer

Despite an unparalleled "bombardment" of public criticism, the Central Intelligence Agency can perform its mission and meet Congress's demands for review of its activities, the CIA deputy director said Monday.

In remarks to the Burlington Rotary Club, Lt. Gen. Vernon A. Walters defended the agency against its critics and said the CIA could justify its budget "in greatest detail" to the Ford Administration and the Congress.

"We ourselves can live with any kind of oversight the Congress wishes," he said, speaking to Rotarians and their guests from other service clubs at the Ramada Inn in South Burlington.

While he generally refrained from strong criticism of the media's coverage of CIA activities, Walters criticized one columnist's

suggestion that President Ford's proposals for overview of the nation's intelligence gathering community were misguided.

Tom Wicker of The New York Times said the Ford Plan would give greater protection to CIA officials who abused their statutory powers while providing for the prosecution of those who disclosed the abuses.

Walters described the notion as an "Alice in Wonderland — black-is-white-white-is-black" interpretation. He added, however, that it is "just impossible" to ensure completely against further CIA abuse, although there will be efforts to "minimize."

The 59-year-old intelligence official said the CIA staff is operating with a sense of "reassurance," even though it has been subjected to a "bombardment," I think, without parallel in American history.

Walters drew upon a Russian proverb to describe the attitude of the CIA staff in the face of this criticism. The proverb says, "If you fear

wolves do not go out into the forests." And, then the deputy director added, "We have a lot of people who do not fear wolves."

In presenting what he said was "our side" of the controversy that has swirled around the agency for the past several months, Walters said the CIA's covert operations have been overemphasized.

"This part of our activities has gotten all out of proportion in peoples' minds," he said.

Walters did not discuss, nor was he questioned on, the agency's assassination plots against foreign political leaders reported by the Senate Intelligence Committee headed by Sen. Frank Church, D-Idaho.

However, he downplayed the scope of all covert operations, saying they account for 5 to 6 per cent of the agency's budget, and to his knowledge, no member of the CIA staff has been indicted in the past 27 years.

Walters didn't provide dollar figures on the CIA's budget but he said less than 1 cent of all

federal tax dollars are spent on intelligence gathering by all agencies.

About 50 per cent of the CIA's operations involve "overt" gathering of intelligence and information from public sources such as foreign newspapers and other publications, he said.

Another large share of the CIA's time is spent conducting "technological" intelligence gathering, presumably through radio broadcast monitoring and interception or decoding of other broadcast signals.

Walters emphasized that strong intelligence is essential to the nation's protection against unexpected enemy actions, especially at a time of international terrorism, nuclear proliferation, Soviet weapons build ups and expansionary actions into nations such as Angola.

"We have to be better informed than at any time in our history," he said. "Knowledge is power."

Despite United States efforts to achieve a relaxation of relations with Russia and China, Walters said accurate predictions of these countries' military, technical and political changes are needed.

And, he said he's also mindful of another Russian proverb which says, "When you make friends with the bear do not let go of your axe."

He depicted intelligence operations as a "force for peace" and said, "We recovered from a naval Pearl Harbor; could we recover from a nuclear Pearl Harbor?"

"We cannot afford to be surprised. History will not forgive us if we are."



DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE
WASHINGTON, D. C.

1 March 1976

Dear General Cram.

Just a line to thank
you for all of your kindness and help during
my recent visit to Burlington (not forgetting
the maple syrup). I really enjoyed the
few hours I had there. You were most
generous with your time and the audience
was great. It's a fine first back to
Washington in absolutely beautiful weather.

Again many thanks.

Please give me a very best time you
are in Washington (703-).

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With every good

Wish

Faithfully,
Kenn A. Waller
Lt Gen, US Army
Deputy Director.

Major General R. M. Cram
The Adjutant General
Camp Johnson
Winooski, Vermont 05404

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ROTASCOPE

FRANKLIN B. SMITH, Editor

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THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM
LT. GEN. VERNON WALTERS

Deputy Director
U.S. Central Intelligence Agency

NEXT WEEK'S PROGRAM
A SPORTS PRESENTATION

Denny Lambert of UVM
Film of 1975 World Series

Governor of 785th District

GEORGE D. MILNE
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OUR LAST MEETING

February 9 — Classification talks were presented by Dick Kling and Bob Bick.

Dick, who owns the area franchise of the Automatic Canteen Corporation, offered a brief history of the organization. Now a wholly-owned subsidiary of Trans-World Airlines, Canteen was founded in 1929. The Burlington-based operation was started in 1939 and serves seven Vermont counties plus two counties in New Hampshire. Dick said his business has doubled in four years. Just last year, he said, the area operation dispensed more than 2,900,000 cups of coffee plus millions of servings of cold drinks, milk, candy bars, sandwiches, cigarettes, doughnuts, canned food and ice cream.

Bob described the role and activities of the Burlington Amateur Hockey Association, noting that Rotary Club contributions played a major role in the organization's success. BAHHA began in 1964 and the initial two rinks were at South Park and Thayer School. There are 775 boys in the program this year, he said, with 80 coaches. Seventeen towns and cities are involved. There also is a Can-Am division with 120 boys. Bob gave fulsome praise to the program and its accomplishments in molding the lives of young Vermonters.

NEW MEMBER PROPOSED

Rev. Stanley J. Moore has been proposed for Rotary membership. He is minister of the First United Methodist Church in Burlington and his classification would be "Religion-Protestant."

This proposal has been approved by the Classification and Membership Committees and by the Board of Directors. Any objections should be filed with the Secretary in writing within 10 days.

VISITING ROTARIANS

Feb. 9—Duncan Stephens, Morrisville; Thomas Powers, Donald Johnson, William Beardsley and Norman Beauvais, Essex Junction; Robert LaFlem, Bristol; George Walgrove, St. Albans; Alan Striker, Jackson, Miss.; Bill Carpenter, Charlie Park and Bill Meyer, Montpelier.

ROTARY MAKE-UPS

Jan. 29—Ray Unsworth, Key West, Fla.; Jim G. Jack, Glastonbury, Riviera Beach, Fla.

Feb. 2—Thomas Conlon, Montpelier.

Feb. 3—Ed Tierney, St. Albans; George Hauck, Sarasota Bay, Fla.

Feb. 4—Elmer Premo, Clearwater, Fla.; Herb Bahrenburg, Dale Higgs, Ron Iverson, Dick Kirtledge, Jack McDonald, Glen McKibben, Al Mackay, Bob Moore, Herb Ridgley, Herb Schultz and Fred Van Buskirk, Essex Junction.

TWENTY RULES

Written and Unwritten

That Good Burlington Rotarians Learn and Follow

1. Always wear your Rotary lapel pin. Buy a second one for a second jacket.
2. No luncheon seats are assigned. Move around, sit at a different table each week. On occasion you may be called upon to name each Rotarian at your table. To avoid a fine, it is a good idea to know them all.
3. Every member is assigned to a committee. If you don't know yours, find out. If your committee seems inactive, it's up to you to help make it active again.
4. Read and know the essence of our By-Laws, especially regarding membership, attendance, and committee duties.
5. You can be dropped from membership if you miss four successive meetings without a make-up. If you miss a meeting at home, go out of your way, if necessary, to make up at a near-by club or at a club in a town where you are on business, vacationing, or travelling through.
6. You are subject to dismissal if you do not have 60 percent attendance each half of the year. You do not get attendance credit if you do not attend at least 60 percent of the meeting. During protracted illness, or for other special absences, you can, upon application, be excused by the board of directors.

to 1:30 p.m. Be prompt. You are expected to stay until the meeting is adjourned. If you are late, pay a 25¢ fine to the Sergeant-at-arms. Be

prepared to pay a fine at the weekly meeting if you mention your employer, if you swear, if you are a "rotar," if you call a fellow Rotarian by the wrong name.

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8. It is considered rude to the guest speaker and to the President to leave before the program is over. Should an emergency call you away prematurely, give your apologies and explanation to the head table.
9. Be prepared to contribute \$1 on your birthday and \$1 on your anniversary to the Sergeant-at-arms. These monies go into the Rotary Foundation fund.
10. Recommend outstanding candidates for membership.
11. We ask a candidate to join ONLY after his name has been passed on by the Classification and Membership Committees, the Board, and the membership.
12. Greet visiting Rotarians and other guests enthusiastically and sincerely as if they were guests in your own home.
13. The concerned, active member in our Club reads the *Rotarian* magazine each month, discusses the feature subjects, shares the ideas and magazine with others. He also reads his *Rotascope* bi-weekly to keep abreast of Club activities.
14. Attend the District Conference and other special Rotary functions when notified and called upon.
15. Be proud that we are the largest of the clubs in District 785. But size does not automatically make us the best. We have to earn this the hard way, because it takes greater effort on everybody's part to motivate and keep active over 150 busy men to carry out the Object of Rotary.
16. Carry your share of the auction duty.
17. Promote and foster international contacts and good will at every available opportunity, both at home and abroad.
18. Think of something you personally can do to improve your Club, your place of employment, your neighborhood, and your community.
19. PARTICIPATE. Sing when we sing. Pray when we pray. Congratulate the speaker. Contribute to discussion. Try out an idea. Get involved in special projects when volunteers are needed. Share program suggestions. Ask for a job in Rotary. Support your officers and directors.
20. Talk about the work of Rotary wherever you go.

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TRIP No. 50

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Burlington, Vt.
Washington, D.C.

Dates: 22 Feb - 23 Feb 76

Flights: Sleeper Train from D.C. to Burlington (Montrealer No. 60)
Trains: Agency Plane from Burlington to D.C.

22 Feb - Union Station--Dep @1705
23 Feb - Essex Junction, Vt. - Arr @ 0625
23 Feb - Ag.Plane Dep @ _____
Arr @ _____

Hotels: None

Advance:

COMMENTS: DDCI to address Burlington Rotary Club at Ramada Inn in
South Burlington, at 12:00 Noon. General Cram will be advised
DDCI's travel arrangements: he will arrange to meet in Burlington.
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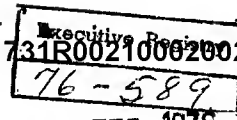
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THURSDAY
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19 January 1976

Mr. Angus MacLean Thuermer
Assistant to the Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Mr. Thuermer:

The local television station, WCAX-TV, would like an interview with Lieutenant General Vernon Walters for a program called "You Can Quote Me". The program is quite parallel to the nationally known "Meet the Press". It is a half-hour interview with the "victim" being questioned by a panel of three members of the public media.

I told Mr. Charles Lewis, the Program Director, that I was not sure of General Walters' itinerary but that I would inquire as to his availability either on Monday, February 23, 1976, or, if he were to arrive on Sunday, about the possibility of his being interviewed at that time. Mr. Lewis said that if by any chance General Walters were here on Sunday, 22 February, in time to be at the studio by 5:30 P.M., he would be on the program live as it is broadcast at 6:30 P.M. immediately preceding "60 Minutes". If he were interviewed on Monday, it would be taped and broadcast the following Sunday, 29 February 1976.

I believe that the appearance of General Walters on "You Can Quote Me" would be well publicized and, therefore, seen through most of Vermont, some of northern New York State and eastern New Hampshire. It might even result in some national publicity as the local station is an affiliate of CBS.

I would very much appreciate your thoughts on this matter and your advice as to whether General Walters would be willing to appear on "You Can Quote Me", and if so, when it would be most convenient for him.

Sincerely,

R. M. CRAM
Major General
The Adjutant General

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18 December 1975

Mr. Angus MacLean Thuermer
Assistant to the Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Mr. Thuermer:

The Burlington Rotary Club is delighted that Lieutenant General Vernon Walters, Deputy Director, CIA, has consented to address the club on February 23, 1976. For your information, the club meets at the Ramada Inn in South Burlington, Vt, at noon each Monday and the meetings end at 1:30 P.M. Speakers are usually allotted about thirty minutes, including a question and answer period, if desired.

I will take care of ground transportation and will personally meet General Walters when he arrives in Burlington. I would, therefore, appreciate knowing what his travel plans are. Please also let me know of any other arrangements you would like to have me make on this end.

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No! To assist in getting some good advance publicity, a photo (two would be better) of General Walters would be most appreciated. If the General would like a press conference, either before or after the meeting, I will see that it is arranged.

Sincerely,

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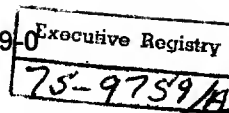
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11 December 1975

Major General R. M. Cram
The Adjutant General
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Winooski, Vermont 05404

Dear General Cram,

Thank you for your friendly inquiry of December 1.

I am more than pleased to tell you that Lt. Gen. Vernon Walters, our Deputy Director, will be pleased to address the Burlington Rotary Club sometime next February or March.

General Walters has spent his adult life as a professional intelligence officer. As Deputy Director of Central Intelligence, he has, of course, worked at the very highest intelligence levels in our country.

In addition to this, he is an inspiring public speaker. I know this from having heard him in action. I personally am ever so glad that his schedule will permit him to visit with your Rotarians.

Will you be good enough to drop me a note or give me a phone call (703-) so we can narrow down the precise speaking date? I have taken the liberty of enclosing a biographic sheet about General Walters.

Sincerely,

/s/ Angus MacLean Thuermer

Angus MacLean Thuermer
Assistant to the Director

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1 December 1975

Mr. Angus M. Thuermer
CIA Headquarters
Washington, D.C. 20505

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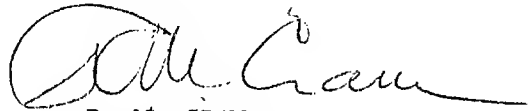
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R. M. CRAM
Major General
Immediate Past President
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R. M. CRAM
Major General
Immediate Past President
Burlington Rotary Club

13 Feb

Letter to
General Cram
re travel
arrangements
for 23rd
(Pardington)



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18 Feb.
Called Gen Cram
He will meet
POC at train &
provide transportation
Will arrange lodging.
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6 February 1976

Mr. Angus MacLean Thuermer
Assistant to the Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Mr. Thuermer:

You might be interested in the enclosure which states that the Burlington Lions Club will join with the Rotary Club on 23 February 1976 to hear Lieutenant General Vernon Walters speak. This will provide a broader audience and will assure that the Deputy Director's message is well disseminated through the opinion makers in the area.

I would appreciate knowing what General Walters' travel plans are so that I may be sure to meet him and provide any local accommodations or arrangements he might desire.

We are looking forward enthusiastically to General Walters' visit.

Sincerely,

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R. M. CRAM
Major General
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PAUL, FRANK & COLLINS.

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February 4, 1976

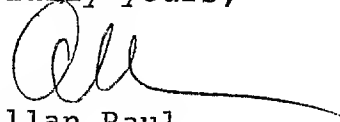
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The Adjutant General
Camp Johnson
Winooski, Vermont 05404

Dear Reg:

This is to confirm the fact that Lt. Gen. Vernon Walters, Deputy Director, Central Intelligence Agency, will be our guest speaker at Rotary on February 23. The Lion's Club will be joining with us.

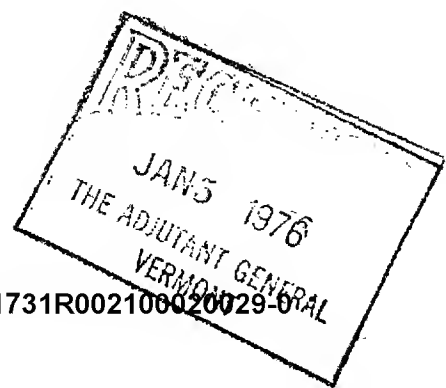
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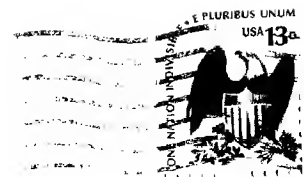
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27 Feb. 1976

Dear Mr. Mullin.

Herewith the book of Sun
Tzu as promised along with a distillation
of his teachings. I cannot help but be
amazed with how up to date they are twenty
five centuries after they were written.

I enjoyed very much my
day in Burlington. With every good wish
Faithfully.

Kevin A. Wacker
Lieutenant General
U.S. Army. Deputy Director.

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March 15, 1976

Lt. General Vernon A. Walters
Office of the Deputy Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D. C. 20505

Dear General Walters,

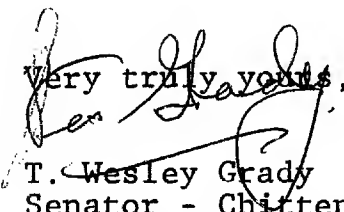
Many thanks for the book Sun Tzu. I've not had time to do any more than skip through it, but we'll probably adjourn in a matter of a few days. I've promised myself the indulgence of a complete review at that time. By the way, please let me know if you want it back, and I'll return it directly after I've read it.

The meditations by Sun Tzu I found particularly interesting. Some tactics haven't changed in 2500 years, have they? The deadly parallel between current international practice and these precepts (particularly numbers 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 8 and 12) is really frightening!

It was nice chatting with you the other day. I'm sure that many people have a favorable perspective on the Agency as a result of your visit.

Again, many thanks.

Very truly yours,


T. Wesley Grady
Senator - Chittenden County

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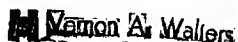
20 April 1976

Dear Senator Leahy:

Thank you for your kind remarks and for sending me the clipping from The Burlington Free Press regarding my speech to the Rotary Club there. I, too, regret that you could not be there to hear it, but I have enclosed a copy of the transcript for your retention. I would have gotten it to you sooner but I have been travelling for the last few weeks.

With every good wish,

Faithfully,

 Vernon A. Walters

Vernon A. Walters
Lieutenant General, USA

Enclosure

The Honorable
Patrick J. Leahy
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Lt. Gen. Vernon A. Walters
Deputy Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, DC 20505

Dear General Walters:

I didn't know whether you had already seen the enclosed clipping from The Burlington Free Press. It was prominently situated on the front page of that newspaper.

I'm sorry that I didn't have a chance to hear your speech, but I understand from my friends who were there that it was well received. Certainly, if the article is an accurate representation of what you had to say, I can see why your speech was so well accepted.

As always, you have handled yourself with your customary professionalism and expertise, and I congratulate you for it.

Sincerely,

[Signature]
PATRICK J. LEAHY

Enclosure

CIA Official Defends Agency Operations

By FREDERICK W. STETSON
Free Press Staff Writer

Despite an unparalleled "bombardment" of public criticism, the Central Intelligence Agency can perform its mission and meet Congress's demands for review of its activities, the CIA deputy director said Monday.

In remarks to the Burlington Rotary Club, Lt. Gen. Vernon A. Walters defended the agency against its critics and said the CIA could justify its budget "in greatest detail" to the Ford Administration and the Congress.

"We ourselves can live with any kind of oversight the Congress wishes," he said, speaking to Rotarians and their guests from other service clubs at the Ramada Inn in South Burlington.

While he generally refrained from strong criticism of the media's coverage of CIA activities, Walters criticized one columnist's

suggestion that President Ford's proposals for overview of the nation's intelligence gathering community were misguided.

Tom Wicker of The New York Times said the Ford Plan would give greater protection to CIA officials who abused their statutory powers while providing for the prosecution of those who disclosed the abuses.

Walters described the notion as an "Alice in Wonderland — black-is-white-white-is-black" interpretation. He added, however, that it is "just impossible" to ensure completely against further CIA abuse, although there will be efforts to "minimize."

The 59-year-old intelligence official said the CIA staff is operating with a sense of "reassurance," even though it has been subjected to a "bombardment, I think, without parallel in American history."

Walters drew upon a Russian proverb to describe the attitude of the CIA staff in the face of this criticism. The proverb says, "If you fear

wolves do not go out into the forests." And, then the deputy director added, "We have a lot of people who do not fear wolves."

In presenting what he said was "our side" of the controversy that has swirled around the agency for the past several months, Walters said the CIA's covert operations have been overemphasized.

"This part of our activities has gotten all out of proportion in peoples' minds," he said.

Walters did not discuss, nor was he questioned on, the agency's assassination plots against foreign political leaders reported by the Senate Intelligence Committee headed by Sen. Frank Church, D-Idaho.

However, he downplayed the scope of all covert operations, saying they account for 5 to 6 per cent of the agency's budget, and to his knowledge, no member of the CIA staff has been indicted in the past 27 years.

Walters didn't provide dollar figures on the CIA's budget but he said less than 1 cent of all

federal tax dollars are spent on intelligence gathering by all agencies.

About 50 per cent of the CIA's operations involve "overt" gathering of intelligence and information from public sources such as foreign newspapers and other publications, he said.

Another large share of the CIA's time is spent conducting "technological" intelligence gathering, presumably through radio broadcast monitoring and interception or decoding of other broadcast signals.

Walters emphasized that strong intelligence is essential to the nation's protection against unexpected enemy actions, especially at a time of international terrorism, nuclear proliferation, Soviet weapons build ups and expansionary actions into nations such as Angola.

"We have to be better informed than at any time in our history," he said. "Knowledge is power."

Despite United States efforts to achieve a relaxation of relations with Russia and China, Walters said accurate predictions of these countries' military, technical and political changes are needed.

And, he said he's also mindful of another Russian proverb which says, "When you make friends with the bear do not let go of your axe."

He depicted intelligence operations as a "force for peace" and said, "We recovered from a naval Pearl Harbor; could we recover from a nuclear Pearl Harbor?"

"We cannot afford to be surprised. History will not forgive us if we are."

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Tuesday, February 24, 1976

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20 April 1976

Major General R. M. Cram
The Adjutant General
State of Vermont
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Winooski, Vt. 05404

Dear General Cram:

I regret the delay in replying to your letter of 25 March, but I have been travelling out of the country for the past few weeks. I have no objection at all to your sending a copy of my speech before the Burlington Rotary-Kiwanis Clubs to Norwich University for its library. I hope the cadets will derive some benefit from reading it.

With every good wish,

Faithfully,

[Redacted Signature]

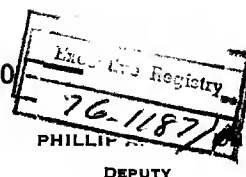
Vernon A. Walters
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REGINALD M. CRAM
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL



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25 March 1976

Lieutenant General Vernon A. Walters, USA
Office of the Deputy Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear General Walters:

Thank you so much for sending me three copies of the speech you gave at the joint Rotary-Kiwanis club meeting in Burlington on 23 February 1976. Glowing comments on your speech continue to be made to me by those who heard it.

Would you object to my sending a copy of it to Norwich University for its library? I think it would provide some excellent research material for the cadets.

With best personal regards,

RMC/w

A handwritten signature in ink, appearing to be "R. M. Cram".

R. M. CRAM
Major General
The Adjutant General

A handwritten mark consisting of a stylized "W" with a diagonal line through it.